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The Honorable John C. Stennis
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 9 April 1971 requesting this Agency's views and recommendations on S. J. Res. 83 a bill "To provide for a study and investigation of the effectiveness of the interdiction bombing by the United States in Southeast Asia."

As you know, the Central Intelligence Agency has no policy function and we offer no comment on the merits of conducting the type of study proposed. I am concerned, however, about the protection of sensitive intelligence sources which could be compromised by the procedures proposed. For this reason, if favorable action on S. J. Res. 83 is contemplated, I request that the resolution be amended to state clearly that nothing contained therein shall affect the responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence to protect intelligence sources and methods as provided in section 102 (c)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's programs.

Respectfully,

[Redacted signature box]

Richard Helms
Director

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Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of S. J. Res. 83
now pending before this committee, which is referred
to you for consideration.

It will be appreciated if you will submit
to this committee 6 copies of the recommendations
of your Department with reference to this legislation.

Sincerely,

John C. Stennis

Enclosure